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#9 The Targeted Man

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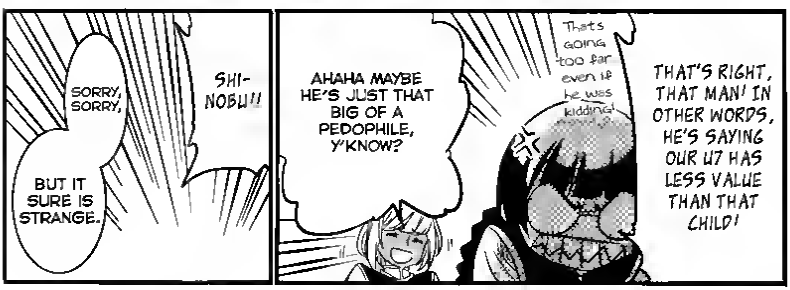
AHH, SO ANNOYED!!
SFX KER-SLAM
SFX STEAMING
C-COOL IT, YUAN... THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING ELSE TO IT!
IT'S REM, OF COURSE! THAT IDIOT VICE CAPTAIN!
HE SAID HE HAS NO INTENTION OF COMING BACK!!
!
SFX WALKING QUICKLY
WHAT'S UP? SOMETHING HAPPENED?
.....

HMM, THAT SURE IS INTERESTING. WHAT YOU JUST SAID, COULD YOU TELL ME A BIT MORE IN DETAIL?
C'MON, YEAH?
...SHINOBU...
depressed
UH... SORRY.
YOU'RE GROSS...
Stop it

SFX: DARTING ABOUT


SHINOBU!!
SORRY, SORRY,
BUT IT SURE IS STRANGE.
AHAHA MAYBE HE'S JUST THAT BIG OF A PEDOPHILE, Y'KNOW?
That's going too far even if he was kidding!
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT MAN! IN OTHER WORDS, HE'S SAYING OUR U7 HAS LESS VALUE THAN THAT CHILD!

IT BOTHERS YOU, DOESN'T IT? THAT SOME-ONE LIKE HIM IS STILL AROUND, Y'KNOW?
HE USED TO BE A MEMBER, AND HE ALSO USED TO BE CAPTAIN EL'S BEST FRIEND-
HE DECLINED OUR OFFER, TOO, SO, THAT'S TWO THINGS!
BASICALLY, YUAN... EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SAYING ALL THAT STUFF, YOU'RE MAKING THAT KINDA FACE,
HUH?
WHY?
THE THING IS, HE SELFISHLY USED "KUUGA" WHEN IT'S SOMETHING YOU NEED PERMISSION TO USE, DIDN'T HE?
WAS OUR U7 THAT KIND OF AN EASY-GOING ORGANIZATION?
...THIS TIME WAS AT OUR OWN DISCRE-TION.
WE CANNOT LAY OUR HANDS ON HIM WITHOUT THE CAPTAIN'S PERMISSION.

ISN'T IT FINE? CAPTAIN IS TOO BUSY RUNNING SIMULATIONS FOR THE SOLARIS DESTRUCTION PLAN, ANYWAY.
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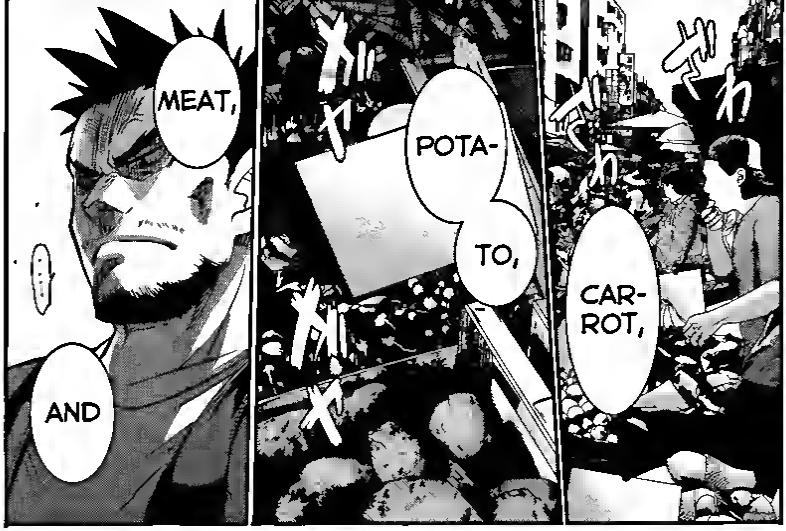
B-but ...
...IT'S FINE, ALREADY.
WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING.
SFX: STEPS FORWARD

SFX CHATTER CHATTER



SFX: PAT PAT

SFX: BAM

EVEN THOUGH WE JUST CAME TO WATCH Q-CHAN BUY THINGS...
Having come this far, I'm so nervous...
Sigh
?
SFX: NOD
SFX: THUMP THUMP

SFX: GU
THAT
PER-SON ...!!
SFX: ZAWA
TO SUPPRESS THAT PERSON'S ANGER!!
BEAR WITH IT, YOU GUYS...
THIS IS A TRIAL THAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN.
REM-NII.

HUHH!?
YOU GUYS WENT TO YOKOHAMA COMMUNE EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST MERE CHILDREN!?
ARE YOUR HEADS FULL OF MUD!?
AND REM, TOO. REM! IF YOU'RE THERE TOO, THEN HURRY UP AND AT LEAST GET THE KIDS BACK HOME!!
おおお
MA... MANA-NEE, REM-N!! DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG, WE WENT OUT ON OUR OWN...
DON'T TALK BACK TO ME!!
WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO IN THE UNLIKELY CHANCES THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED!?
HUH?
I'm sorry, I'm sorry, never mind.
.....
... Weren't you the one who founded the G Rangers?

YOU KNOW WHAT! I ONLY ALLOW THE Q RANGERS WHEN THERE'S AN ADULT GUARDIAN PRESENT!
I'VE NEVER LET THE CHILDREN GO OFF AND ACCEPT A REQUEST BY THEMSELVES-
OHH WELL, THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG.
APPEAR
BECAUSE Q'S WITH THEM.

I MEAN, REALLY. IN YOKOHAMA COMMUNE, ME AND THE BRATS... WE PROTECTED ALL OF THE RESIDENTS THERE.
AS LONG AS SHE'S THERE, THE BRATS WILL BE FINE.
I THINK THAT IT'S OKAY TO BELIEVE IN HER NOW.
I MEAN, SURE, SHE AIN'T THE SHARPEST, AND AT FIRST, I WAS ALSO DUBIOUS, BUT Y'KNOW...
SFX: SUMI
...SINCE YOU'RE SAYING ALL THAT, AS THE FOUNDER OF THE Q RANGERS, I'M IMPOSING THE FOLLOWING "MISSION" ON HER.
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU AND Q-CHAN ON SUCH GOOD TERMS?
HMM, TO THINK SUCH LINES WOULD BE SLIPPING OUT OF YOUR MOUTH...
I MEAN, DON'T YOU THINK HER INCREDIBLE GROWTH IS DUE TO MY AMAZING TEACHING ABILITIES, I MEAN, DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S THE CAUSE...
Just kidding
.....

IF SHE'S ABLE TO DO IT, THEN I'LL BELIEVE IN Q-CHAN'S JUDGEMENT, AND I'LL ALLOW FUTURE ACTIONS FROM HER!
HOWEVER, HELP FROM ANYONE ELSE IS NOT ALLOWED!!
HEH!
SFX RUMBLE
THAT MISSION IS "SHOPPING FOR DINNER"!!
SIGN DONUTS
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON Q, MANA, YOU BITCH.
SHE CAN EASILY DO SOMETHING LIKE...
!
.....
NO WAY.

GIMME SOME DOE-NUTZ.
GRR, BUYING THINGS OTHER THAN WHAT WE'LL USE...!!
C CALM DOWN, REM-NII!!
We can overlook something as small as that!
SFX: WHISPER WHISPER
Agh, my sto-mach hurts...
...REM-NII SURE LIKES TO MEDDLE, HUH...
HE'S PROBABLY BEEN THIS WAY FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
...MANA-NEE TOLD ME ABOUT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED A LONG TIME AGO,
ABOUT THE DAY REM-NII AND MANA-NEE MET...

HEY, YOU. SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, CAN YOU DO IT SOME-WHERE ELSE?
LATELY, THERE'S BEEN A BAND OF DEMI ROAMING THE AREA...IF THERE'S A CORPSE LYING AROUND, THEY'LL COME HERE FOR SURE.
.....
SFX PLOP
...SORRY, ...I'M JUST RESTING FOR A BIT,
HEH, HEH.
I WAS JUST A BIT CARELESS, Y'KNOW?
I'LL GET GOING... RIGHT AWAY.
!
!?
...HEY...

UH, UMMM, SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I DON'T REALLY NEED ANY THANKS
I JUST DON'T WANT TO BE LEFT INDEBTED TO YOU.
...DEBT?
THIS SHOULD HELP STOP THE BLEEDING.
SFX CLENCH
Really?
HEEHEE, YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
I REMEMBER YOU MENTIONING... YOU WERE PART OF SOME GROUP I'VE NEVER HEARD OF CALLED "U SEVEN".
THE OTHER MEMBERS WERE TOO ENGROSSED IN THEIR MONSTER EXTERMINATION AND DIDN'T EVEN BAT AN EYELASH AT ME.
I remember that weird female eyepatch
YOU SAVED ME BEFORE THIS.

SO, YOU MADE IT OUT OF THAT ALIVE, HUH?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A LONG LIFE LIKE THAT, Y'KNOW?
But of a shame really
IF YOU MOVE CARELESSLY WITH THAT ENORMOUS WOUND, YOU'LL DIE RIGHT AWAY!
WELL, I'M HEADING OUT, BUT MAKE SURE TO GET COMPLETE BED REST FOR THE NEXT THREE DAYS.
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SIGN: DAIBA COMMUNE, 2KM AWAY

SFX: STOMP
SFX: SHIVER
DEMI !!!!
!!
...WHAT'S THAT NOISE...?
SFX: HOWLING

SFX: SHATTER
!!
KYAAA
S...
SOME-ONE
HELP
close
close
close
SFX: MURMUR MURMUR
.....!!

SFX: BOOM
SOME-
ONE...
TAKE
THATTTT!!!

SFX: WOOSH
SFX: DASH
Y-YOU'RE THE ONE FROM JUST NOW... ARE YOU OKAY!? THERE'S NO WAY YOU'RE OKAY!!
Damn... I mean, I knew the city was noisy, but...
SFX: RUSTLE RUSTLE
SFX: SCREECH
SHAD-DUP!!

...You're a nuisance.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF PEOPLE DYING RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES...!
...IF YOU WANT ME TO STOP,
THEN HURRY UP AND GO THE FUCK SOMEWHERE ELSE, YOU FUCKING MORON!!

YOU'RE REALLY...
NOT GOING TO LIVE VERY LONG.
SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED.
HMPH, SOUNDS LIKE A LIE.
SFX: NERVOUS TWITCHING

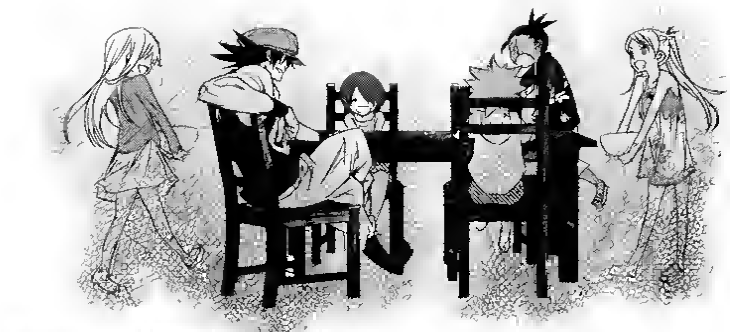
SFX: FLAP
LOOK~ UP AT THE BLUE SKY,
WHITE CLOUDS ♪
SOONER OR LATER, THINGS~ WILL TURN AROUND~ OHH~♪
...THERE.
JASRAC
MMM,
THERE WE GO!
SFX: TUG
NOW, THEN...
!?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO LOOK UP,
MANA.
Why us too?

NOW THEN,
LET ME CHECK THE THINGS YOU'VE PURCHASED.
SFX: MOVE
POTA-TOES,
ONIONS,
SUGAR,
OLIVE OIL,
MILK,
CHEESE,
SFX: GULP
A PACK OF EGGS...
ALCO-HOL,
doki doki
UNEASY

YEEAAAH!!
SFX: CHEERING
EVERY-THING'S OK! GOOD WORK.
... YEP,
SFX: PAT
DIDN'T I TELL YOU SHE'S FINE ALREADY!!
You were the least trustwor-thy
HAHAHA, TOLD YOU SO, MANA!
AHH, THE USUAL ONES WERE SOLD OUT, AND TWO DOORS DOWN, THERE WAS A BARGAIN SALE FOR THOSE, SO...
WE'D BE BETTER OFF NOT BUYING THE EXPENSIVE ONES.
HM? THIS ISN'T THE USUAL BRAND OF EGG.

WHAT? IT COULDN'T BE THAT YOU-
HAHAHA, DON'T SAY DUMB THINGS! I WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING UNFAIR LIKE THAT!!
SFX BA-DUMP
REALLY? THAT'S GOOD, THEN.
HURRY UP AND GET STARTED ON PREPPING THE RICE.
S... SURE.
glance
DE ——— PRESSED
KUU.
...Shut up,
I bought most of that stuff for you.
Without you even looking.
SFX BA THUMP
HUH?
W...WHAT IS IT, MANA? I...IF THERE'S NO BREAD, THEN WE CAN JUST EAT RICE IN-STEAD!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT'S WITH THESE DONUTS?
Donut
Donut

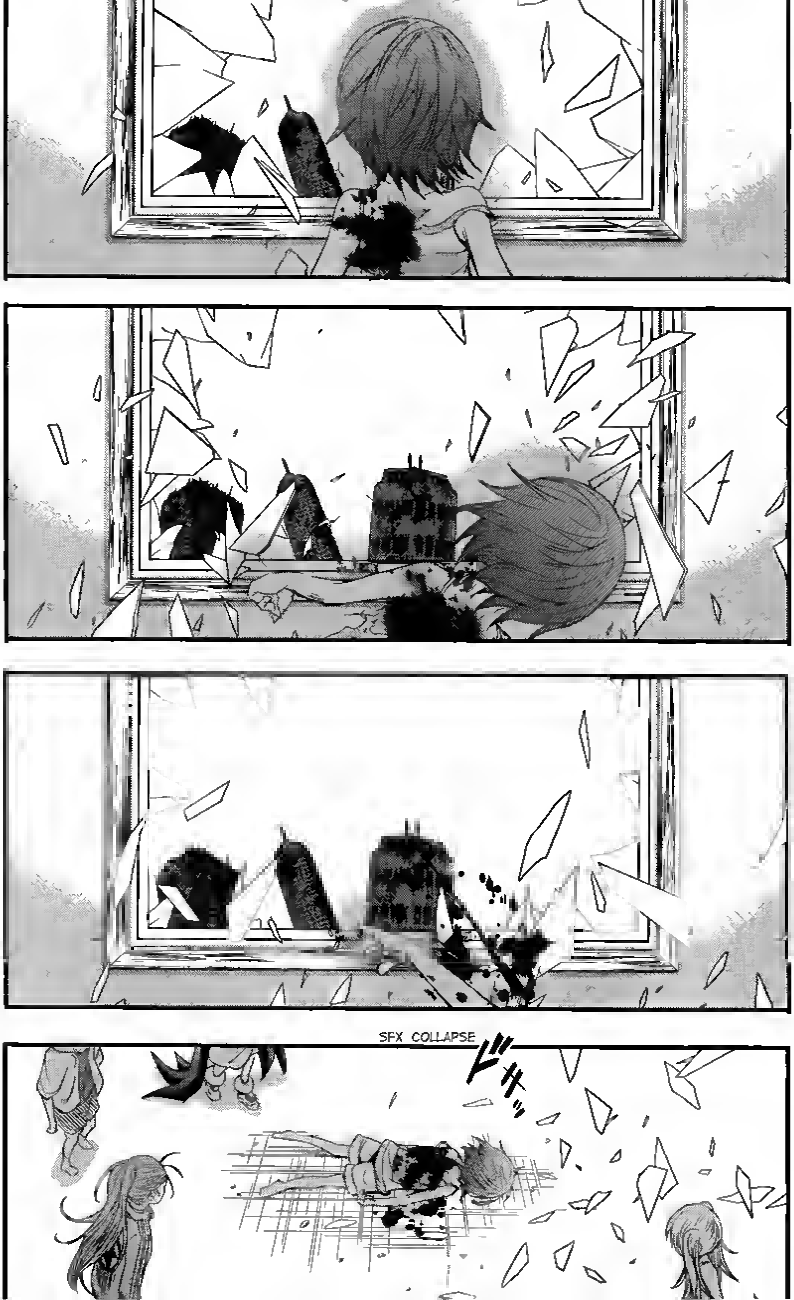
AH... AHHH, ABOUT THOSE, UHH...
Q BOUGHT THEM.
EH?
Idiot! shut up right now...
DOENUTZ ARE DELICIOUS, SO...
IF EVERYONE ATE THEM TOGETHER,
I BET IT WOULD BE FUN!
AND EVEN MORE DELICIOUS!
GOOD THINKING, Q.
WELL...
...THEN, THERE'S NO HELPING IT!
hmph
LET'S SHARE IT AFTER DINNER
Y... YEAH.



FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!
HEY, KEEP YER HANDS OFF MY SHARE.
THEN, I'LL HAVE THIS DONUT!
REM.
AH! NO FAIR!
THIS ONE'S MINE!

SHOULD I GIVE YOU HALF?
UH, ...NAH, THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
SFX: GRAB
COME OVER HERE, Q-CHAN.
LET'S EAT TOGE-THER!
HEY! YOU KIDS-

BOOM


SFX COLLAPSE

SFX OOOO
HUH? DID I GET THE WRONG KID?
IF YOU SUDDENLY JUMP IN FRONT OF MY LINE OF SIGHT LIKE THAT, OF COURSE I'LL BE TROU-BLED.
YOU SUCK.
KINOOO !!
KINOOO !!

★ SUDDENLY, THE SITUATION CHANGES!! HOW WILL THIS TRAGEDY AFFECT Q....!?
To be continued